

DEPEW EULOGIZES TAFT AND CANNON

Holds Recent Events Vindicate Leaders of G. O. P.

NEW YORK CLUB ENTERTAINS

Senior Senator from Empire State Asserts President Does Not Wait for Approval of the Newspapers, Thereby Differing from Politicians, Representatives Speak.

At the reunion and dance of the New York State Club, of Washington, held in Carroll Institute Hall last evening, Senator Chauncey M. Depew saw in the light of recent events a vote of confidence and vindication for Joseph G. Cannon as Speaker of the House of Representatives, larger than the original vote by which he was elected.

The Senator could see nothing threatening to Republicanism in the recent returns from the Fourteenth Congressional District of Massachusetts, in view of the fact that "a Democrat was running on the Republican ticket and a Republican on the Democratic ticket."

Lands Chief Executive.

Of William H. Taft, he said: "At the other end of the Avenue we have a President who is perfecting the plans outlined by Theodore Roosevelt. He recognizes that public safety requires that the government shall have a hand in controlling every operation of a corporation doing an interstate business. He is different from the politician, in that he has always been a judge."

"A politician tells the newspapers what he is going to do, and if they do not approve, he does not do it. Mr. Taft waits, because his judicial training has imbued in him certain ethics of the profession. He believes in hearing all sides and telling no one what he is going to do until he has done it."

"As the American people have better opportunity to judge of his character and motives, his sterling integrity, his judicial bearing, his eminent ability, his courage, and his intense love of humanity, the impression will grow upon them, until at the expiration of his term of service I look for a unanimous verdict that there has never been a sinner, wiser, more judicious, or more lovable man in the White House than William H. Taft."

Eulogistic of Uncle Joe.

He continued with a eulogistic address for "Uncle Joe" Cannon, whom he declared was the accumulated wisdom of 100 years of parliamentary government. Whatever mistakes the Republican party made, in his opinion, there was another party full of benevolence.

"We never get into a tight place that they do not help us out. When you find everything cheap in the markets of the world," he continued, "you find men the cheapest thing available. When there is work for every one, with wages 25 to 30 per cent higher than ten years ago, what difference should it make if commodities are higher?"

Senator Depew's remarks were received with loud demonstrations of approval, as were the addresses made by Representatives William S. Bennett, Richard Young, and Charles S. Millington.

Many musical numbers were included on the programme, which was followed by a dance that lasted far into the night.

TAFT FAVORS WILSON.

Nomination of New District Attorney

May Reach Senate Soon.

According to a rumor circulated at the Capitol yesterday, President Taft will nominate Clarence R. Wilson as the successor to District Attorney Daniel W. Baker.

Following conferences with Attorney General Wickersham, President Taft, after giving all the nominees careful attention, reached a final decision to appoint Mr. Wilson, and it is said his name will be sent to the Senate.

BIG SIGN TO BE ERECTED.

"Jesus, Light of World," Visible for Long Distance.

Over the Central Union Mission a large electric sign, to bear the words, "Jesus, the light of the world," visible along Pennsylvania avenue, will soon be installed at an expense of \$700.

The sign will be ninety feet long and twenty-two feet high. The word "Jesus," in letters fourteen feet high, will shine steadily, while the other words, eight feet high, will flash alternately. The expense will be borne by District Sunday schools, and the young people's societies of various churches are expected to pay the cost of maintenance.

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NEW TREES TO BE PLANTED.

Maples for F Between Second and Eighth Streets Northeast.

One hundred and thirty Norway maples will soon be planted along both sides of F street, between Second and Eighth streets northeast. When car tracks were laid it was proposed to remove all trees. Residents appealed to President Taft, but the trees were removed with the understanding that new ones would be planted in their place.

QUALIFY IN EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for Diplomatic Secretaryships Chosen.

Six candidates for appointment to secretaryship in the diplomatic service have passed the first competitive examination held recently under President Taft's order. The eligibles are:

Richard C. Bundy, of Ohio; Richard O. Marsh, of Illinois; Sheldon L. Crosby, of New York; William Spencer, of Pennsylvania; Perry Belden, of New York, and William Walker Smith, of Ohio.

CHURCH SERVICES

Mass of Presanctified Said on Good Friday.

DEVOUT WATCHES TO-DAY

Two Hundred Men Kneel in Adoration Before Sacrament from Midnight Until 6 o'Clock at St. Aloysius' Church—Sufferings of Christ to Be Commemorated in Afternoon.

Good Friday services, commemorative of the death of Christ, will be observed in the churches of Washington to-day. In all Catholic churches the mass of the presanctified will be celebrated this morning, and in the afternoon, from 12 to 3 o'clock, there will be solemn services indicative of Christ's suffering on Mount Calvary.

From midnight until 6 o'clock this morning Catholic men stood devoutly watching in two churches where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. At St. Aloysius' Church the Third Sunday Service, composed of 200 men, knelt in adoration before the sacrament from midnight until 6 o'clock. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the League of the Good Shepherd kept the all-night vigil at St. Patrick's Church.

SerVICES MOST SOLEMN.

In the Catholic churches the sufferings and death of Christ will be commemorated from 12 to 3 o'clock this afternoon, the last hours of the Saviour on earth. Meditations and addresses on the last seven words of Christ, suitable motets by the chancel choir of men and boys, and the way of the cross will compose the service, which is one of the most solemn celebrated by the Catholic Church.

There will be no accompaniment of the churches in compliance with the wishes of Pope Pius, as expressed in his recent motu proprio on church music.

Services in memory of the institution of the Holy Eucharist were observed in Catholic churches yesterday. Representative of the sepulcher in which Christ's body lay for three days before resurrection, the repository forms a conspicuous part of this rite of the church. After solemn high masses, the sacrament is taken to the repository, to remain for adoration until Easter Sunday.

INQUEST HELD TO-DAY.

Eight-year-old Boy Died After Fall at Midway.

An inquest will be held at the District morgue this morning at 11 o'clock over the body of Milton Rous, eight years old, who died yesterday morning from injuries supposed to have been received when he slipped and fell while playing in the "soup bowl" in the Midway, Fourteenth street and Park road northwest.

Physicians who attended the lad after it was learned he had sustained serious injuries said the boy died from hemorrhage of the brain, due to concussion. The boy's skull was not fractured, so far as physicians were able to ascertain.

PONY FOR LUCKY FINDER.

Children to Search for Eggs at Randle Heights Monday.

A pony, guinea pigs, rabbits, and pigeons will be given away to children at Randle Heights on Easter Monday. With a Shetland pony as the attraction, half the children of Washington will turn out to find the egg with his name on it, which will entitle the holder to the pony without cost. Other eggs will be marked, which will give the finders a choice of guinea pigs, rabbits, and pigeons. There will be about 500 eggs hidden in the shrubbery on Randle Heights.

The pony is one of the prettiest in the city, thoroughly broken, gentle, and worth to be the handsomest animal seen here for some time. The guinea pigs, rabbits, and the pigeons have been carefully selected, and all are very fine specimens.

Every arrangement has been made for the comfort of the "grown-ups," and an ample corps of assistants will be on hand to help the regular staff to handle the crowds. The cars will take the contestants right to the grounds. Several clowns have been engaged to amuse the crowd. Music will be furnished by a band. The concert will begin at 11 o'clock and the hunt at noon.

JEWISH WOMEN GIVE DANCE.

Programme Consists of Entertainment with Enjoyable Features.

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TRUSTEES HIT BACK IN METHODIST ROW

College Will Again Disregard Charter Resolution.

MORE TROUBLE NOT EXPECTED

Proceedings at Baltimore Conference, Which Threatened to Cause Disruption, Discussed at Evening Session—President of Randolph-Macon Expects No Break.

"In my opinion, trustees of Randolph-Macon College will disregard the resolution affecting the charter passed by the Baltimore Conference this morning, and in doing so I anticipate no trouble with the church," said Judge E. D. Newman, of Woodstock, Va., president of the board of trustees, last night.

"Legally the charter cannot be changed," continued Judge Newman. "even if the trustees were so inclined. We are not antagonistic to the church or the conference, and there was no real cause for this fuss, which seems absolutely foolish."

"It is the same resolution presented to us three or four times, and I expect that it will suffer the same fate of the others. It is all the result of the conference's seeming inability to grasp the real condition of affairs and to realize that the trustees are not trying to abolish the church's claims on the institution."

Advocates Discuss Action.

Talk of the day's proceedings, which, for a time, threatened to cause an open disruption of the conference, was rife at the meeting last night. Advocates of both sides of the question gathered in little groups and discussed the action of the conference, with comments on its legality and its effect upon the church and college relations.

While trustees of the college and the ministers who favor the present plan are confident the conference resolution is illegal, their opponents are equally certain the measure will go through when it is put up to the trustees at their meeting in June. Threats that colleges would be disrupted and the funds of the church withdrawn were used to back the arguments of those favoring the plan set forth by the act of the conference.

The resolution which caused all the trouble was introduced by Rev. Collins Denny, of Baltimore, and demands the trustees shall make a change in the charter, incorporating in it a new method of electing the trustees, which will assure the control of the Methodist church over the body. The college has been withdrawn from the Carnegie Foundation, but the ministers wanted further assurance that no outside power would control the schools. Accordingly the resolution was prepared and passed yesterday by a close vote.

Antagonistic Talk Foolish.

"This talk of antagonism on the part of the trustees toward the Methodist church is foolish," said Dr. R. E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College, last night. "Founded by the church and continuously receiving its patronage, there is no reason on earth why we should wish to break away from the Methodist control."

"Should the board of trustees refuse to adopt the resolution and change the college charter, I do not know what would happen. There has been talk of the church withdrawing the annual contribution, amounting to \$5,000, and of attempting other means to hurt the college, but I do not think they will ever be carried out."

"We educate the children of ministers at the college free, the cost of the same being to us about \$10,000 per year. In the event of the church's attempt to disrupt the college, we would not be a loser financially."

"At the request of the conference, the college was taken from the Carnegie Foundation. Then we offered the college to the trustees of Randolph-Macon College, and they accepted it. This proposition was rejected by the conference, which does not seem to intelligently grasp the true conditions of affairs and our attitude toward the church. We never have been anything but friendly toward the church, and there never was the slightest danger of our trying to oust it from the control of the college."

Church Not Satisfied.

"The church does not seem to be satisfied with this flesh and blood bond which binds us to Methodism, but demands legal bonds to supplant this really extra-legal condition."

The storm which has been brewing for several years, broke with full force yesterday morning when the question of ownership and control of Randolph-Macon College came before the conference. Spiritual addresses and impassioned appeals were made on both sides, and for a while there seemed to be a possibility of a long squabble.

Shortly after the opening of the session a letter setting forth the position of the college trustees was read by Rev. B. W. Bond. The trustees declared their allegiance to the church, but declined to accede to the demands that the conference be allowed to elect members of the board. In compromise, the trustees offered to allow the conference to pass on all names previous to election to the board.

Rev. Collins Denny, of Baltimore, immediately offered a resolution demanding the election of the trustees by the conference, and made an impassioned plea against any move that might take the college from the hands of the Methodist Church. A substitute resolution, embodying the suggestion offered by the trustees in their letter, was introduced by Rev. H. P. Hamill, and immediately the conference was in an uproar.

Excitement at Debate.

After a stirring debate, and amid no little excitement, the Hamill resolution was voted down, and Rev. Mr. Denny's resolution affecting the college charter was adopted.

Rev. C. S. Stanton, of Hinton, Va., explained the project of establishing several religious pedagogies at Vanderbilt University at the evening session. This sum of \$34,000 will be raised for the work, and young men and women will

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Fifty alumni of Randolph-Macon College attended the annual banquet at Freund's last night. In addition to the local alumni, there were a score of visiting clergymen, who are graduates of the college, among the guests. J. H. C. Joyce, of this city, presided as toastmaster. Among those who spoke were Dr. R. E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon; Chancellor W. W. Smith, of the Woman's College, Lynchburg; Prof. F. L. Day, of Randolph-Macon, and James Cannon, Jr., of Blacksburg, Va.

Probably nothing will be found of the sixty-three bodies that are supposed to be in the hold of the ill-fated battle ship Maine, in the opinion of her former commander, Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee.

The action of tropical waters and the life that is to be found therein has long since, he believes, disposed of all vestige of flesh or bone of such as remained in the ship. Furthermore, he says, the explosion was such that some of the men must have been blown to atoms, with no possibility even at that time of assembling the remains for burial.

These statements were made yesterday by Admiral Sigsbee in reference to the bill that passed the House Wednesday appropriating \$100,000 for raising or removing the hull.

"We owe it to no one," he said, "to make any further investigation of the wreck, as the examination conducted by the board of inquiry determined without doubt that the ship was blown up from the outside by a mine, and that this explosion set off the two magazines. I have never opposed the raising or removal of the wreck, and do not do so now, as the question is one for the people to determine; but there is no practical reason for doing more than removing the obstruction from the bay."

"Sentimental reasons alone can be advanced in support of an expensive undertaking, and if my opinion is correct, and all semblance of human formation has disappeared, sentiment has been robbed of one of its strongest arguments. The forward part of the ship was blown to pieces, and I cannot see what they propose to do with the ship if it is raised, although I see a distinction between raising and removing the Maine."

"When we stepped from the poop deck of the ship on that eventful night it was two feet above the water. The next morning it was under water, and before I left the harbor it was six feet under water, showing a gradual sinking in the mud. Since then there has been constant shoaling at that point, and the vessel is now deep in the fifty mud to be found there, with a great thickness of marine growth attached to every part. At the time of the blowing up of the Maine there was from five and one-half to six and one-half fathoms of water there."

"The ship will probably weigh 4,000 tons and any attempt to raise it by force would probably bend the plates and render questionable the results of subsequent investigation. The only practical way is to construct a coffer-dam about the hull and, by pumping out the mud and water, expose the vessel as it lies."

"After such observations had been made as the department might order, the necessary temporary repairs could be made to permit of the floating of the hull to the nearest navy yard, located at Pensacola. But to accomplish this work more than \$100,000 will be required."

Others ill After Club War Against High Prices.

Wilkesbarre, March 24.—Peter Contorony, one of a number of men and women of Glen Lyon, who were stricken with ptomaine poisoning after eating canned meat, died to-day. Several of the others are seriously ill.

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"We owe it to no one," he said, "to make any further investigation of the wreck, as the examination conducted by the board of inquiry determined without doubt that the ship was blown up from the outside by a mine, and that this explosion set off the two magazines. I have never opposed the raising or removal of the wreck, and do not do so now, as the question is one for the people to determine; but there is no practical reason for doing more than removing the obstruction from the bay."

"Sentimental reasons alone can be advanced in support of an expensive undertaking, and if my opinion is correct, and all semblance of human formation has disappeared